

Sunday, September 7, 1873,

Peculiarities of Speech.

Every one has some peculiarity of speech. The Yorkshire man is known all over England by his curious accent, and the Cockney has for centuries been the butt of ridicule for his unkind treatment of his "aitches" and his transpositions of V. and W. Our Southerners call us all "Yankees" above Mason and Dixon's line, and accuse us of saying "I guess and calculate," and we retaliate by saying "I reckon that's so?" I have a lady friend who has a weakness for saying "I say!" and begins most of her sentences in that manner. One day some person was asking a mutual friend what Mrs. "I Say" called her husband when she addressed him familiarly. His Christian name happened to be Hezekiah, or Ebenezer, or Jehoshaphat, or some other Biblical name hard to shorten into a pet name, as for example, "Ebby," or "Hossy," or "Phattie." The friend made answer, "Oh, she merely calls him 'I Say'."

It really seems that Mrs. Kate Sprague has escaped from her husband's house and taken her children with her. She left Saturday, eluding the vigilance of Mr. Sprague and his friends, and up to this writing has not been found. The country was scourged by the deserted husband, trains were stopped, etc., but the fugitives were nowhere discovered. It is asserted that Mrs. Sprague probably departed in a steam yacht that was seen hovering near Narragansett Pier for some hours prior to Mrs. Sprague's departure. It is not likely that the lady left without ample preparations for a successful escape, and she is probably in the hands of friends, who will see that all possible is done to keep her whereabouts unknown. The boy Willie, the eldest of the children, remains with his father.—*Inter Ocean.*

A Plea for Quiet Girls.

The quiet girl, an observant critic remarks is generally worth studying and will frequently astonish those who pretend to understand her, by rising to heights, when she is summoned thither, which are unapproachable to her complacent and courted critics. Yet it may happen that quiet girls of the best type may lack the wit, the adaptability to that which they have no sympathy, the glibness, and that unlimited faith in themselves which must be possessed by those who desire to attract the notice of more shallow portion of society, who believe in noisy girls. All quiet girls are not endowed with genius and the virtues, for some are simply fools who would be noisy enough if they could find anything to say. But we protest against the habit which prevails of slighting quiet girls and speaking ill of them before they have been fairly tried, and of paying sycophantic homage to conceited chatter boxes of little moral sense and principle. While noisy damsels will often turn out to be gaudy impostors, many quiet ones will amply repay the time, trouble and love which any one may bestow upon them.

Poor Alphonso of Spain! He can only remain a widower the conventional year, which even the gayest of widowers observe. No matter how badly he feels, and how his heart may bleed, he must go out courting, for Don Carlos stands perilously near the throne, and nobody wants that scapegrace, after all the revelations about him. The papers say that the Archduchess Christine, whom he is to marry, is a nice girl, beautiful and accomplished. But they always say that of princesses! Alphonso has done very well so far; so much better than any of his immediate ancestors, that it confirms the gossip that there is very little royal Spanish blood in his veins. Alliances between the Hapsburgs and the Bourbons have been of frequent occurrence for many centuries past, and the bride and bridegroom are cousins, but so distant that no Papal dispensation will be required to legalize their union, as was the case when Alfonso and Mercedes were wedded.

Our American minister in Mexico writes that American agricultural machinery has been successfully introduced into Mexico, and that important results are likely to follow. Mexico has a large area of wheat lands, but for want of proper implements and machinery has not been able to produce enough grain for home consumption. Hitherto implements and machines of American manufacture have not had a fair trial; but under the influence of the new era of commercial friendliness plows, cultivators, drills, corn-planters and reapers have been introduced and have been well received. This would seem to open a new field to American manufactures.

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